

Nebraska Department of Revenue Property Assessment Division
Procedures for Car Line and Air Carrier Tax Distribution, for County Treasurers

The Nebraska Department of Revenue Property Assessment Division is responsible for the assessments, tax collection, and distribution of car line and air carrier tax monies which are certified to the State Treasurer's office. **The car line and air carrier tax monies are transferred to the Nebraska county treasurers during April and August of each year by the State Treasurer's office.** Questions regarding electronic transfer of car line money to the county should be directed to the State Treasurer's Office and questions regarding method of distribution for air carrier and car line taxes may be directed to the Property Assessment Division.

Air carrier taxes are distributed to the credit of the county's general fund proportionate to the amount the total property taxes levied in the county bears to the total property taxes levied in the state as a whole, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §77-1250 (R.S. Supp. 2007).

Car line taxes are distributed to the various political subdivisions based upon the ratio of railroad taxes levied in the county or subdivision compared to the state's total railroad taxes levied, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §77-684 (R.S. Supp. 2007). See "Specific Procedures for Car line Distribution" on page 2 following.

During April and August of each year, the Property Assessment Division posts each county's car line and air carrier tax distribution information to our web site. We have eliminated mailing hard copy printouts to counties for car line and air carrier tax distributions. **If you cannot access this information on the internet/web, please contact our office and we will fax it to you.**

Procedures to view web postings of Car Line & Air Carrier Tax Distributions:

- 1) Go to Property Assessment Division's website:
<http://pat.ne.gov/>
- 2) Select left navigation topic "Property Valued by the State".
<http://pat.ne.gov/centralAssessment/>
- 3) From this sub menu, select 3rd item "Car Line & Air Carrier Tax Distributions to Counties".
http://pat.ne.gov/centralAssessment/car_line_air_carrier_tax_dist.html
- 4) On this sub screen, there are 4 choices:
 - Air Carrier Tax Distribution Summary by County**
 - Car Line Tax Distribution Summary by County
 - Car Line Tax Distributions for each County**
 - Procedures for Car Line & Air Carrier Tax Distribution

Select "Air Carrier Tax Distribution Summary by County" to view your air carrier tax amount. **Select "Car Line Tax Distributions for each county"** to view your car line tax amount and distribution detail.

Specific Procedures for Car Line Distribution (detail printout) for each county:

1) From the website sub screen select “**Car Line Tax Distributions for each County**”, to view your county’s detail car line printout (PDF);

http://pat.ne.gov/centralAssessment/car_line_tax_dist_by_county.html

The detail printout indicates the distributed amounts for the **first-half** car line tax monies to the various taxing subdivisions that had railroad taxes levied. The assessor's 2007 Certificate of Taxes Levied Report, Form 49, was the source document for calculating railroad taxes levied. (For tax year 2007, there are 16 counties that do not receive car line tax because they do not have any state assessed railroad companies operating in their county).

2. For taxing subdivisions other than schools look at the "tax rate" listed; if this tax rate, represents more than one fund you will need to distribute that particular amount of car line money further into other funds, e.g. general, sinking, etc.

For example, the "County" amount should be distributed to all funds within County Tax Rate, i.e.

Subdivision	Tax Rate	Car Line \$ Received
County	.4153	\$2,500.00

To distribute the car line monies to the funds within the "county tax rate"..... determine the percentage each fund is of the total rate, and multiply the percentage by the dollars received, for example:

County General fund	.1983 divided by .4153 = 47.75%	x \$2500 = \$1193.75
Road & Bridge fund	.1878 divided by .4153 = 45.22%	x \$2500 = \$1130.50
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	100.00%	\$2500.00

The same procedure, outlined above, is applicable for all the various taxing subdivisions such as cities, townships, fire districts, natural resource district NRD, educational service unit ESU, Community Colleges, etc., that may have a general fund, sinking/building fund, bonds, or other funds that make up the tax rate shown.

3. For school district bonds the amount of car line money for school bonds is separated from the school districts, because the Certificate of Taxes Levied Reports requires school bonds be reported separately.

4. For school districts look at the tax rate listed and determine the appropriate funds that make up the total rate listed, e.g. general, special building/sinking fund, high school qualified capital purpose undertaking fund, or elementary qualified capital purpose undertaking fund (keep in mind the school bonds are already separated out for you, based on the assessor's Certificate of Taxes Levied Report).

In certain situations, a county may also have a Qualified Capital Purpose Fund Bond listed separately like other school bonds, due to previous school mergers where patrons from the incoming school district did not assume previous bonded debt of the receiving school district.

You need to determine the percentage each fund's tax rate is of the total school rate listed and calculate the amount of car line monies to be distributed to the individual funds, same procedure outlined in paragraph #2.

Note: These car line tax monies are for tax year "2007" (collected during 2008) therefore, tax distribution for school districts will be based on school districts in place for the 2007 tax year.

Unified School System: if the base school district is in a unified system, the amount calculated for the "general fund" must be further divided among all the schools within the unified school system. The school system's distribution factors, established at levy setting time, must be used to distribute this car line tax money the same as all other property taxes.

For school districts, we have listed the base school code, followed by the unified system code if applicable.

Example; Hastings 18 01-0018

Example; Clearwater 6 (participates in NE Unified District 1)

Orchard 49	base school code	02-0049
NE Unified 1	unified system code	02-2001

SCHOOL CODE: 6 digit uniform code is established by the Nebraska Department of Education; first 2 digits = county number of where the school district is based; last 4 digits = school district's number.

5. No collection fee for county treasurer, per State Auditor's office.

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